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our University to present an area for us to consider, why do we try to tell them that this is the decision they should make rather than asking for some of the other areas which they say are more important to them than the one that is trying to be added right now to 610. If, again I say, this is that important, this is an administrative decision which can be made by the Department. If it has that high a priority, then it can be taken care of internally, not needed on the legislative floor.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would just like to rise again and reply to my good friend, Senator Marsh, in that I very readily disagree that all the brains aren't perhaps with the University of Nebraska. We hope that they are intelligent enough to assess their priorities but, again, LB 571, insofar as I know, was not on any priority list. We just...it came before the Public Health Committee. It scooted across the Board like greased lightning and that is fine with me. It is probably necessary but I don't believe that we can look into every area. I can say that sorghum is an important crop to the state of Nebraska. I can say that when the greenbug infestation comes it can be serious. I want to say one more thing that there isn't anyone else in this body that knows that I know that you cannot obtain the chemicals today that you need to combat all these insects that we could a couple of years ago. Many of the chemicals which I used to order freely, and which were delivered to me by the barrels, are no longer available because of the problem they developed. It is entirely possible that something could occur here that could rival an economic loss as happened to the city of Omaha as a natural disaster and we would be totally powerless to combat it. I am not saying it is going to happen. I am not trying to be overly dramatic. I am just telling you that by virtue of the fact that the appropriation in the amendment which Senator Maresh has offered is not a high priority item, by virtue of the fact that it is not a costly item does not mean that it might not be of considerable value to the state of Nebraska. I agree with Senator Marsh in her arguments that perhaps the priority list needs to be looked at again and I would be the first and I think Senator Maresh would probably beat me to that...Maresh, would beat me to that... I would be the first to ask them, why is it #36. You have a very legitimate question and I will support you on that but I think we should take a look at it and a hard look before we pass it over and I would have to say this is a frugal body but a frugal body that can tell within \$12,000 of what we should be spending has to be going down in history as the most persnickety legislature that we have ever come up with.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, to try to indicate that I do take this amendment seriously, I am going to speak again on it. Senator Marsh is upholding what she feels is her responsibility as a member of the Budget Committee to properly analyze and evaluate requests for money. I can see the logic of her stating that if the University places this item #36 on its list, that can influence the judgment of the Budget Committee but we have to realize